

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and in view of the reasons that follow.

This amendment adds, changes and/or deletes claims in this application. A detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the application, irrespective of whether the claim(s) remain under examination in the application, is presented, with an appropriate defined status identifier.

Claims 22-32 are requested to be cancelled. Claims 2-3, 5, 10, 32, and 39-44 are currently being amended. No claims are being added. After amending the claims as set forth above, claims 1-21 and 33-44 are now pending in this application.

Restriction Requirement

Responsive to the Restriction Requirement, Applicant hereby elects Group I, claims 1-27. Claims 22-32 from non-elected Group II have been canceled.

Applicant notes that a preliminary amendment adding additional claims 33-44 (including independent claims 33 and 39) was filed on March 31, 2006. Although the Office Action does not appear to mention claims 33-44, it is believed that claims 33-44 are properly included in Group I. In any event, to avoid any issues in this regard, Applicant has implemented various amendments to independent claims 33 and 39 to more closely track the language of claim 1, which the Examiner identified as being in Group I. Accordingly, consideration of claims 33-44 is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

Applicant believes that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

